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Annual Report

ASHLAND

New Hampshire



1923-24

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Ashland, N. H.

YEAR ENDING
January 31, 1924

The Record Print, Plymouth, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS

Clerk—Lauriston M. Goddard

Treasurer—James H. Fleming

Selectmen—Albion Kahler, S. J. Cotton, John H. Blanchard

Tax Collector—Edward P. Colby

Overseer of the Poor—Albert E. Burt

Janitor of Town Hall—George E. Dow

Policemen—George E. Dow, Thomas P. Davis, Carl Crowley

Highway Agents—Horace H. Cross, Seldon J. Cotton, Rufus Blake

Fire Wards—Lester G. Fifield, George F. Plummer, Frank H. Chick

Superintendent of Water Works—Edgar W. Sanborn

Superintendent of Fire Alarm—Lester G. Fifield

Auditors—Harry R. Spaulding, E. Forrest Brown, Frank Huckins

Library Trustees—Lulu M. Morrison, F. Anna Whipple, Bessie J. Huckins

Town Trustees—Willis F. Hardy, E. P. Warner, Charles Pattee

Supervisors—F. M. Merrow, E. P. Colby, Ross P. Sanborn

SHORT FORM OF WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashland, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate of the following articles:

3. Police Department.

4. Fire Department.

5. Highways and Bridges.

6. Concrete streets and sidewalks.

7. Town Library.

8. District Nurse Association.

9. Town Poor.

10. Memorial Day.

11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for continuing the control of the White Pine Blister Rust.

12. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to investigate the feasibility of a town forest and make recommendations at the regular town meeting in March 1925.

13. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase a Wagon Scale, to provide a place to install the same, to be used as a Town Scale as provided by State Law.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintendent of Water Works, the Selectmen or a suitable committee to buy land or acquire additional drainage and flowage rights, or to take other action for the protection and increase of the Town Water supply and to expend the water rent funds for these purposes.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay for the bonding of the Town Officers.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell a part of the land belonging to the Electric Light Department.

17. To see what action the Town will take to acquire more land for the Town Dump, or to pay for damage done to land adjoining it and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

18. To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay on the Town Debt.

19. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-Large, Alternate Delegates-at-Large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates, to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of

BUDGET

The items in this paragraph and the next one following are estimates of what money will be received by the town and of the amounts that will be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Estimated Revenues for 1924

From the State

Insurance Tax	\$ 40.00	
Rairoad Tax	260.00	
Savings Bank Tax	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,800.00

From Local Sources

Licenses and permits	\$ 200.00	
Water Rents	2,500.00	
Poll taxes	2,500.00	
Automobile permits	2,700.00	
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Total	<hr/>	\$10,700.00
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If the above revenue is reserved for the payment of debt, interest and unforeseen expenses, then the estimated appropriations of \$45,921.00 following may be raised by a tax rate of approximately \$3.00. Each additional thousand dollars appropriated will increase the rate by about seven cents, and each thousand dollars decrease will reduce the rate by the same amount.

Estimated Appropriations for 1924

Town charges	\$2,000.00	
Police department	1,500.00	
Fire department	1,200.00	
Town Library	400.00	
District Nurse	700.00	
Town poor	600.00	
Memorial Day	100.00	
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		\$6,500.00
Highways		
State Aid maintenance	\$ 150.00	
Trunk Line maintenance	4,000.00	
Permanent improvement fund	1,563.00	
Town roads	4,000.00	
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		\$9,713.00
Concrete streets and sidewalks		750.00
State tax	\$3,358.00	
County tax	2,600.00	
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		\$6,958.00
Schools		\$19,000.00
Town debt		\$3,000.00
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Total		\$45,921.00
Estimated rate in District No. 1 \$3.00		

INVENTORY

Polls at \$5.00

Polls at \$3.00

Real estate	\$904,449.00
134 horses	19,615.00
2 mules	200.00
2 oxen	150.00
217 cows	13,205.00
22 neat stock	865.00
50 sheep	418.00
1 goat	10.00
2 hogs	50.00
1748 fowls	2,717.00
15 foxes	3,750.00
18 vehicles	1,580.00
5 portable mills	750.00
26 boats	3,835.00
Wood and lumber	2,200.00
Money on hand	16,178.00
Stock in trade	301,455.00
Mills and machinery	291,952.00
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Total inventory	\$1,563.379.00

Valuation by Districts

District No. 1	\$1,386,605.00
District No. 2	176,774.00
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	\$1,563,379.00
Rate in District No. 1, \$3.00	
Rate in District No. 2, \$2.61	

Settlement with E. P. Colby, Tax Collector

Receipts

Property tax	\$46,211.94
Polls	4,241.00
Interest	32.07
Added polls	315.00
Added property	130.24
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	\$50,930.25

Payments

Treasurer's receipts	\$49,043.71
Discounts	1,211.03
Polls abated	360.00
Property tax abated	315.51
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	\$50,930.25
Collected 805 polls at \$5.00	\$4,025.00
Collected 57 polls at \$3.00	171.00
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Total	\$4,196.00
Paid to State 805 polls at \$2.00	\$1,610.00

Appropriations

Town charges	\$5,000.00
Town library	300.00
Memorial Day	100.00
State Aid maintenance	200.00
Trunk Line maintenance	2,500.00
Town maintenance	3,500.00
Sidewalks	750.00
Permanent improvements	1,624.00
Town poor	900.00
Fire department	1,200.00
Police department	1,000.00
Parks and play grounds	500.00
Public improvements	1,500.00
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	\$19,074.00
County tax	\$3,617.34
State tax	3,358.00
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	\$6,975.34
Town school district	\$1,580.00
Ashland special school	17,970.22
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	\$19,550.22
Overlay	\$874.04
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Total property tax assessed	\$46,211.94

BALANCE SHEET

January 31, 1924

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$2,867.54
Highway balance in state treasury	185.60
Uncollected taxes	294.00
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Total assets	\$3,347.14
Excess of liabilities over assets, net debt	91,562.67
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Total	\$94,909.81

Liabilities

Unpaid bills, Electric Light	\$5,704.14
Playground fund	414.05
Flag appropriation	125.00
Old Home Day appropriation	100.00
Sidewalk appropriation	825.00
Dog licenses due school districts	203.80
Highway balance, state	185.60
Highway balance, town	302.22
Long term notes outstanding	87,050.00
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Total	\$94,909.81
Net debt January 31, 1923	\$87,525.69
Net debt January 31, 1924	91,562.67
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Increase of debt	\$4,036.98

Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	100.00
Library furniture and equipment	2,500.00
Police department equipment	15.00
Fire department, lands and buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway department equipment	385.00

Playground	500.00
Water works	50,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	50,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Electric light plant	72,000.00
Total	<u>\$192,500.00</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand from last year	\$8,110.46
Received from Tax Collector	\$49,043.71
Supt. Water Works	2,349.47
Town Clerk, dog licenses	203.80
Town Clerk, auto taxes	2,712.98
E. G. Gammons, police court	73.10
M. T. Shepard, Elec. Dept.	10,821.50
Selectmen, Sunday account	584.12
Selectmen, state highways	9,408.88
Berry Trust Fund	84.24
Eunice A. Peaslee, on note	1,000.00
Ashland Sav. Bank, on note	5,000.00
Amer. Legion Post, on note	5,000.00
Total receipts	<u>\$94,392.26</u>

Payments

Paid Selectmens' orders	\$64,234.57
Paid Selectmens' electric light account	12,187.86
Paid notes and interest	
Ashland Savings Bank	5,872.91
Emma H. Scribner	100.00
Susie Deane	160.00
Jennie F. Harrington	64.00
Minnie L. Smith	616.00
Elizabeth Hodgdon estate	1,642.67
Martha A. Heath	80.00
J. Frank Perkins	1,714.00

Elizabeth Mitchell estate	1,928.20
John K. Bateman	1,779.41
Oliver J. Craig	32.00
Daniel C Hill	140.00
Jessie A. Thompson	160.00
Hiram J. Merrill	60.00
Mary J. Horrigan	160.00
Margaret J. Horrigan	180.00
Sarah Boynton Estate	60.00
Nellie E. Plummer	24.00
George F. Plummer	80.00
Marsena C. Blake	220.00
Mabelle N. Campbell	12.00
Henry C. Dearborn	12.00
Cash on hand	2,872.64

Total	<u>\$94,392.26</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
J. H. FLEMING, Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Year Ending January 31, 1924

From	
Tax collector	\$49,043.71
Motor vehicle registration	2,712.98
Dog licenses	203.80
Licenses and permits	241.00
Fighting forest fires	55.50
Returns to highway department	74.70
Sale of materials	150.02
Water rents	2,349.47
Highway department from state	9,408.88
Taxes from state (not in treasurer's report)	2,916.19
Town notes	11,000.00
Bounties	5.40
Horace Berry highway fund	84.24
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	73.10
Rent of town hall and tomb	57.50
Total receipts	<hr/> \$78,376.49
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1923	8,110.46
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SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Year Ending January 31, 1924

Town officers' salaries	\$1,444.75
Town officers, expenses	262.23
Election and registration expenses	80.87
Municipal court expenses	162.50
Town buildings and clock	799.71
Police department	915.00
Fire department	1,730.12
Bounties	13.80
Health department	48.00
Vital statistics	30.25
Highways and bridges maintenance	9,265.76
Library	300.00
Town poor	1,282.68
Memorial Day	100.00
Playground	113.95
Appropriation to electric lights	1,371.46
Arches	1,128.82
American Legion	5,000.00
Interest on notes	3,594.01
Federal Aid construction	14,988.83
Payment no notes	12,735.91
Taxes paid to state	4,968.00
Taxes paid to county	3,617.34
Ashland Special District	19,665.42
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	\$83,619.41
Cash on hand January 31, 1924	2,867.54
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	\$86,486.95

Detail of Receipts for Year Ending January 31, 1924

From Tax Collector

Property and poll taxes	\$48,986.97
Bank stock tax	24.67
Interest on taxes	32.07
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	\$49,043.71
Motor vehicle registrations	\$2,712.98
Dog licenses	203.80
Licenses and Permits	
4 pool table licenses	\$40.00
L. M. Goddard, Lyric Theater	103.00
G. B. Peavy, Lyric Theater	55.00
Junk licenses	15.00
Playground rent and license	28.00
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	\$241.00
Boston & Maine forest fires	\$44.00
State for forest fires	11.50
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	\$55.50
Town of Holderness, freight and rent of sweeper	\$74.70
Ashland Knitting Co., for bridge beams	150.02
Water rents	2,349.47
From State	
Trunk Line maintenance	\$1,331.41
Federal Aid construction	7,948.84
Trunk Line in Bridgewater	128.63
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	\$9,408.88
Insurance tax	\$40.50
Railroad tax	291.06
Savings Bank tax	2,584.63
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	\$2,916.19
Bounties	5.40
Balance of Horace Berry highway fund	84.24
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	73.10

Sons of Veterans, rent of hall	\$35.00
E. G. Gammons, rent of tomb	16.00
St. Mark's Church, painting fence	6.50
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	\$57.50
Town notes	11,000.00
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Total	\$78,376.49

Detail Statement of Payments

Town Officers, Salaries

Albion Kahler, selectman	\$300.00
S. J. Cotton, selectman	200.00
John H. Blanchard, selectman	200.00
John Perry, moderator	10.00
A. E. Burt, overseer	50.00
Three supervisors	54.00
E. P. Colby, collector	400.00
L. M. Goddard, clerk	50.00
L. M. Goddard, auto registration	70.75
J. H. Fleming, treasurer	100.00
J. E. Morrison, clerk, pro tem	10.00
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	\$1,444.75

Town Officers' Expenses

Printing, telephone and blanks	\$222.25
Teams	18.00
Miscellaneous	7.18
Assessors Association	14.80
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	\$262.23

Election and Registrations

\$80.87

Municipal Court

E. G. Gammons, 13 months salary	\$162.50
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Town Buildings

Town Hall, Miscellaneous bills	\$34.84
Insurance	40.00
Painting fences	17.50
Janitor	20.40

\$112.74

Hose House, fuel	\$201.42
Miscellaneous	27.15
Insurance	20.00
G. E. Dow, janitor	100.00
Paint and painting	234.40

\$582.97

Clock, J. E. Morrison	\$35.00
Painting	69.00

\$104.00

Total town buildings \$799.71

Police Department

Misc. and wood	\$25.00
Thomas P. Davis	360.00
Carl Crowley	475.00
G. E. Dow, special and dog police	55.00

\$915.00

Fire Department

Paid bills approved by Fire Wards	\$1,583.80
Fire alarm	146.32

\$1,730.12

Bounties

Hedgehogs and 1 bear	\$13.80
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Health Department

\$48.00

Vital Statistics

\$30.25

Highway Department, see reports

State Aid maintenance	\$48.00
Trunk Line maintenance	2,468.33
Town maintenance	4,212.48
Calley culvert	2,204.10
General expense	332.85
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	\$9,265.76

Library Appropriation

Trustees' report	\$300.00
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Town Poor

Board of Harriet Nichols	156.00
Wood to Geo. W. Heath	38.00
Expense Archer Family	388.68
District Nurse	700.00
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	\$1,282.68

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Parks and Playgrounds

Painting settees	\$22.63
Leveling and seeding	91.32
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	\$113.95

Interest on Notes

See treasurer's report	\$3,594.01
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Federal Aid road

See report	\$14,988.83
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Payment on Debt

See treasurer's report	\$12,735.91
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Taxes Paid

State tax	\$3,358.00
805 poll taxes @ \$2.00	1,610.00
County tax	2,617.34
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	\$8,585.34

Schools

Appropriation, town district	\$1,580.00
Dog licenses, town district	15.20
Appropriation, special district	17,970.22
Dog licenses, special district	100.00
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	\$19,665.42

Unclassified

Appropriation to electric lights	\$1,371.46
Arches	1,128.82
Appropriation to American Legion	5,000.00
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	\$7,500.28
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Total	\$83,619.41

HIGHWAY REPORTS

Trunk Line Maintenance

Town balance		\$87.73
State balance		87.83
Town appropriated		2,500.00
State appropriated		2,500.00
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Total available		\$5,175.56
Total expended		5,068.52
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Balance		\$107.04
One-half in town treasury	\$53.52	
One-half in state treasury	53.52	
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		\$107.04

State Aid Maintenance

Town balance	\$96.70
State balance	96.70
Town appropriation	200.00
State appropriation	200.00
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	\$593.40

Town spent	\$48.00	
State spent	164.62	
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		\$212.62
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Balance		\$380.78
Town balance	\$248.70	
State balance	132.08	
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		\$380.78

Concrete Streets and Sidewalks

Balance	\$75.00
Appropriation	750.00
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	\$825.00

Federal Aid Project No. 153

Cost in 1922	
Town paid	\$3,822.40
State paid	7,445.63
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	\$11,268.03
Cost in 1923	
Town paid	\$5,514.07
State paid	8,852.79
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	\$14,366.86
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Total cost	\$25,634.89
Total cost to town	\$9,336.47
Total cost to state	16,298.42
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\$25,634.89

The \$5,514.07 paid by the town this year was raised as follows:

Balance on hand	\$583.47
Permanent Improvement fund for 1923	1,624.00

Interest on Berry fund	84.24
Charged to Trunk Line maintenance	868.07
Borrowed (permanent imp. fund for 1924-25)	2,354.29
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	\$5,514.07

This road was planned to cost \$20,000.00, and of the cost above that amount the town paid \$2,670.47 and the state paid \$2,964.42.

Calley Culvert

This culvert washed out during the high water in the spring and with the idea of having something that will stay, a concrete culvert re-inforced with steel was put in by contract. This culvert is five feet wide, four feet high inside and sixty feet long.

Paid W. M. Bisson on contract	\$1,876.00
Paid for filling and finishing	328.10
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Total cost	\$2,204.10

REPORT OF TOWN HIGHWAY AGENT

District Number 1

Expense of snow, Cross	\$770.36
Expense of snow, Cotton and Blake	297.42
Teams and labor	1,108.60
Oiling streets	371.71
Railing	54.77
New culverts	106.20
Plank	333.87
Gravel	24.75
Supplies	50.90
Snow plow	95.00
Benjamin Deane, sweeping streets	42.00
Union Bridge	121.80
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	\$3,377.38

Eastman District	
Snow work to Jan. 31, 1923	\$110.84
Snow work rest of winter	92.38
Teams and men	129.50
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	\$332.72
Sanborn Road	
Breaking roads	\$110.70
Teams and men	34.00
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	\$144.70
Brogan Road	
Teams and men	\$24.00
Calley Road	
Breaking roads	\$77.75
Teams and men	115.00
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	\$192.75
Leavitt Road	
Teams and men	\$20.50
Lambert Road	
Breaking roads	52.43
Sevens Pines Road	
Teams and men	\$68.00
General Expense of Department	
	\$332.85
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Grand total	\$4,545.33

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Financial Statement

Receipts

Balance on hand	\$7.73
Town appropriation	300.00
Fines	5.58
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Total receipts	\$313.31

Expenditures

Books, including freight	\$110.83
Repairing books	52.00
Insurance	31.25
Supplies	7.09
Cleaning library room	4.00
Librarian's salary	100.00
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Total expenditures	\$305.17
Balance	8.14

Resources

Number of books at beginning of year	4,081
Number of books added by purchase	64
Federal, state and town documents added	9
Total number of books at end of year	4,154

Service

Number of books of fiction lent	7,825
Number of books of non-fiction lent	285
Number of new borrowers added	15
Total number of active borrowers	268

LULA M. MORRISON,

Treasurer Ashland Town Library.

On account of the high price of books and increased cost of repairs, the Trustees ask that \$400.00 be appropriated for the increase and support of the Town Library.

WATER WORKS REPORT

Received for water rents	\$3,689.39
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Expenditures

Reservoir

Account	\$424.02
New Hampton tax	75.60
W. B. Brown, shovels	8.85
Squam Press, printing	1.85
Seven laborers	98.35
E. W. Sanborn, labor and supplies on services and at reservoir	571.75
C. V. Knowlton	4.50
Salary of Superintendent	150.00
J. F. Fleming, town treasurer	2,349.42
F. Chick, shovels	5.05
	<hr/> \$3,689.39

Reservoir Account

Paid

Edson Mfg. Co., for pump	\$291.82
Express on same	9.25
Five laborers	104.20
O. A. Brown, wire for fence	18.75
	<hr/> \$424.02

Net debt Feb. 1, 1914, \$5,490.15

The pond has been fenced to keep the cattle out of the water which was recommended by the State Board of Health.

The reservoir has always been fenced to exclude all cattle from reservoir and brook.

It was necessary to procure a pump to pump water from pond to reservoir during dry time. This pump was used about ten days.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. SANBORN,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Net debt February 1, 1923	\$78,177.81
Add interest for year	3,317.11
Appropriated from town	1,371.46
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Take out for street lights for 1923	\$82,868.38
	2,500.00
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Add unpaid bills	\$ 80,368.38
	5,704.14
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Net debt February 1, 1924	\$86,072.52

State of Electric Light Department Receipts

Light and power	\$12,402.02
Return on freight	6.73
Balance Feb. 1, 1923	159.61
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	\$12,568.36
From town treasury	1,371.46
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	\$13,939.82

Payments

Salary of Superintendent	\$600.00
Wages	2,864.75
Fuel	4,802.67
Plant repairs and replacements	1,510.36
Repairs and expense turbine	208.90
Expense of steam engine	348.83
Wages and expense at Leatherb'd mill	298.46
Installing new turbine	335.21
Line expense	717.03
New construction	978.15
Insurance	1,126.43
General expense	149.03
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	\$13,939.82

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Superintendent of the Water Works, Electric Light Department and Trustees of Town Library and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY R. SPAULDING,

FRANK S. HUCKINS,

Auditors.

REPORT OF FIREWARDS

January 6, still alarm for chimney fire in house of Frank Perkins and occupied by Ed Roby. No damage.

January 17, still alarm for chimney fire in the Addie Cote tenement occupied by Louie Day. No damage.

January 21, still alarm for chimney fire in house owned by F. J. and E. O. Sanborn. No damage.

January 29, Box 62, fire at Joe Ruhl's house. Insured for \$1,500.00. Damages of \$90.00 have been paid.

January 30, still alarm chimney fire at Ross Sanborn's. No damage.

February 15, still alarm chimney fire at hose house. No damage.

February 19, still alarm chimney fire at house of Mrs. E. A. Straw. No damage.

February 20, still alarm chimney fire at house of Harvey Morse. No damage.

March 3, still alarm chimney fire at E. P. Warner's. No damage.

March 7, still alarm chimney fire in I. O. O. F. Block. No damage.

March 7, still alarm chimney fire at T. Jacques. No damage.

March 14, fire at Joe Previdis house. Insurance carried \$3,000.00. Damages of \$1,780.00 have been paid on house and furniture.

May 4, still alarm chimney fire in house occupied by Jesse Murdock.

May 26, still alarm chimney fire in tenement owned by W. F. Hardy.

May 26, still alarm for brush fire at Bateman's crossing. No damage.

June 25, still alarm for forest fire back of Green Grove cemetery.

July 22, still alarm for brush fire at Union Bridge.

August 3, Box 41, an outside call for fire at the Mt. Livermore House in Holderness.

August 9, still alarm for forest fire on B. & M. land.

August 16, Box 41, a call from Holderness for fire at Mr. Burnham's camp.

September 8, still alarm, call from New Hampton for fire at Louis Gordon.

September 9, Box 72, fire in house owned by Susie Deane and occupied by James Kelley. House insured for \$1,000.00. Damages of \$500.00 have been paid.

September 15, still alarm for brush fire back of Green Grove Cemetery.

September 17, still alarm for fire in coal bin at I. O. O. F. Block. No damage.

September 21, still alarm for chimney fire in house of Mrs. Theodore Gamache.

October 13, forest fire alarm rung for fire in Elbridge Boynton's pasture.

Nov 19, still alarm for chimney fire in house owned by L. B. Brooks and occupied by Mr. Parker. No damage.

December 11, still alarm for chimney fire in Chas. Calley house. No damage.

December 11, still alarm for chimney fire in Ashland Knitting Co., tenement, Earle Grey tenant. No damage.

The usual appropriation of \$1,200.00 will be necessary for the coming year.

L. G. FIFIELD,
GEORGE F. PLUMMER,
F. H. CHICK,

Fire Wards of Ashland.

REPORT OF ASHLAND DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

The citizens of Ashland, all members of the Association, and co-operators in its splendid work, are always interested in the Association's annual report, because it tells them of something in which they are personally concerned, and upon which their happiness and health depends. The following report tells in only a small way of the good done through the active, hearty and unselfish co-operation of our doctors and nurse. It gives but a passing glimpse of the happiness experienced by many in the succor extended to them in their hour of affliction.

All realize and appreciate this, yet, because this having been done so silently and efficiently, too many take it for granted that their co-operation is not needed. Most of us, not that we intend to be, are like the men spoken of in the gospel, who passed by and let the other fellow bind up the afflicted one's wounds. This of course should not be, nor do we in our good will want it to be so. All the average man needs to enkindle the smouldering fire of his charity, is to be kindly reminded of his duty.

The Association takes this occasion to appeal to all to contribute generously that the good work may go on. Much has already been done, but much more may be done to make our community the healthiest and happiest in the hills.

Receipts

Brought forward	\$130.23
Nurse, collections and donations	263.36
Insurance	171.00
Town	700.00
Red Cross	100.00
School committee	65.00
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	\$1,429.62

Payments

Nurse services	\$1,292.50
Telephone	26.83
Supplies	55.92
Printing	25.75
Spec. Nursing services	10.14
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	\$1,411.14
Balance on hand	18.48
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	\$1,429.62
Number of patients	512
Nursing and office visits	2,033
School visits	40
Number cases as Health Officer	83
Insurance cases	100

Report of the Trust Funds February 15, 1924.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income during Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income on hand at End of Year
1916	Care of cemetery lots Martha Cummings Thomas P. Cheeney Francilla C. Perkins	Ashland Savings Bank Ashland Savings Bank Ashland Savings Bank	\$200.00 250.00 490.86	4% 4% 4%		\$8.00 10.33 11.43	\$8.00 10.33 11.43	
1919								
1922								
1917	For highway purposes Horace W. Berry	Ashland Savings Bank		4%	\$79.44	3.16	82.60	

WILLIS F. HARDY,
ORA A. BROWN,
Trustees.

Report of Justice of Municipal Court for Year Ending, January 31, 1924

Offence	Number	Adjusted	Fines	Costs	Paid town	Paid officers	Game Fish & Game Dept.	Paid Motor Vehicle Dept.
Assault	2	Guilty	\$25.00	\$22.62	\$32.00	\$15.62		
Intoxcation	2	Guilty	10.00	9.74	14.50	5.24		
Speeding	5	Guilty			19.10	4.00		25.00
Fishing without license	5	Guilty	125.00	27.50	7.50	7.50	137.50	
Illegal possession	1	Guilty	25.00	10.50				
Attempting to cheat and defraud	1	Not Guilty						
Vagrancy	1	Guilty 30 days in jail, sentence suspended on leaving town						
Theft	1	Bound over to Superior Court						
Threat'g & attempt'g to extort m'y	1	Bound over to Superior Court						
	20		\$210.00	\$93.46	\$73.10	\$32.36	\$137.50	\$25.00

There is \$35.50 due the Town for fine and costs, payment of which is secured.

ELLIS G. GAMMONS. Justice of Ashland Municipal Court.

Births Registered in the Town of Ashland, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female							
Jan 7		M	L	1 W Colby Lyford	Irene Cote	W	Ashland	Knitter	Campton	Gorham
Feb 14		M	S	1 W Roy Marcroft	Sylvia Warner	W	Ashland	Spinner	Woonsocket R I	North Troy Vt
Feb 20	Florence May	F	L	3 W George C Dicey	Albena Dupuis	W	Ashland	Tel operator	Ashland	Pittsfield
Feb 22		M	S	6 W Joseph Boisvert	Alma Ducharme	W	Ashland	Farmer	Canada	Canada
Mar 14	Olin Austin	M	L	1 W Luther H Drake	Minnie E Boynton	W	New Hampton	Farmer	Nashua	New Hampton
Mar 23	George Henry	M	L	W Patrick Theriault	Sarah Brideau	W	Ashland	Cook	New Brunswick	New Brunswick
May 4	Douglas Leigh	M	L	1 W Kenneth Russell	Dorothy Cotton	W	Somerville Mass	Operative	Wilton	Ashland
May 14	Kenneth M	M	L	3 W Edgar Turcotte	Jeanne Browne	W	Ashland	Laborer	Canada	Scotland
June 4	Roger Milton	M	L	2 W Milton Shepard	Laura Worthen	W	Ashland	Electrician	Ashland	Holteness
June 12	Harold Paul	M	L	4 W Matthew Baker	Maude Patten	W	Ashland	Clerk	Gorham	West Springfield
June 16	James R	F	L	1 W John Cote	Maione L Cox	W	Ashland	Farmer	Holteness	Tilton
June 25	Pauline Louise	F	L	1 W Luther W Packard	Pauline L Cox	W	Ashland	Manufacturer	Penacook	Payville Mass
June 26	Robert Edward	M	L	1 W Roger J McGlone	Margery Gammons	W	Ashland	Weaver	Ashland	Ashland
June 29	Thelma Patricia	F	L	2 W Martin Abear	Lydia Gamache	W	Ashland	Spinner	Keesville	Laconia
July 21	Mason Jewett	M	L	3 W Karl Gray	Christine Sanborn	W	Ashland	Weaver	Bristol	Ashland
Aug 2	Helen Velita	F	L	5 W Fred J Leonard	Eva Heath	W	Ashland	Quarryman	Berry P	Bethlehem
Aug 4	Jean Tilton	F	L	3 W Harold Knowlton	Ona Whitcher	W	Ashland	Laborer	New Hampton	Wentworth
Aug 5	Pauline Harriet	F	L	3 W Leon C Hammell	Emma Cross	W	Ashland	Stone Mason	Northfield Vt	Canada
Aug 8	Clara Virginia	F	L	4 W Sam'l Marcroft	Rose Vallier	W	Ashland	Spinner	Woonsocket R I	Warren
Aug 16	Thelma Louise	F	L	2 W Clarence Robinson	Harriet Commette	W	Ashland	Laborer	Bridgewater	Concord Vt
Aug 30	James Edson	M	L	6 W Arthur Sargent	Ida Whitcher	W	Ashland	Carpenter	Holteness	Dorchester
Sept 19	George Winfield	M	L	1 W Leon Rogers	Delia Clancy	W	Holteness	Farmer	Winooski Vt	Ireland Vt
Sept 20	Shirley M	F	S	1 W Chas Edwards	Marion Greene	W	Ashland	Laborer	Ashland	Georgia Vt
Sept 25	Rose Lucille	F	L	3 W Harry Cote	Rose Ruell	W	Ashland	Prop market	Ashland	Warren
Oct 8	Evelyn Gertrude	F	L	2 W Philip Brazeau	Bernice Beard	W	Ashland	Operative	Belvedere Vt	Warren
Oct 10	Viola Violet	F	L	1 W Alfred Chazeau	Bura Heath	W	Ashland	Laborer	New Hampton	Haverhill
Oct 13	Gretchen Pauline	F	L	1 W George H Morrill	Mary Bryant	W	Ashland	Teamster	Rumney	Ashland
Oct 14	Octave Harold	M	L	9 W Max Landrock	Annie Tanguay	W	Ashland	Laborer	Ashland	Canada
Oct 16	Faith Beulah	F	L	3 W Thomas Pryor	Winifred Nichols	W	Ashland	Dyer	England	Bellows Falls Vt
Oct 16	Donald Joseph	M	L	3 W Henry Provancher	Leona Ruell	W	Ashland	Operative	Canada	Littleton
Nov 11	Doris May	F	L	6 W Earl Brown	Eliza Elliott	W	Ashland	Laborer	Campton	Runney
Dec 11	Theda E	F	L	3 W Clifton Morrison	Doris Beaman	W	Sanbornton	Farmer	Sanbornton	Laconia

Marriages Registered in the Town of Ashland, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date—1923	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Feb 2	Ashland	Leon G Smith Annie Dougherty	Ashland Adams Mass	37 W 39 W	W Mason Cook	Ctr Mason Ireland	Ctr Harbor Ireland	Ira A Smith Emma Nudd Owen Walsh	Bath Ctr Harbor Ireland	Mason Housewife Farmer	W 2	Rev John Manter Ashland clergyman
Feb 5	Ashland	Frank Brooks Mary S McMurphy	Ashland Ashland	47 W 23 W	W Laborer	Holyoke Mass Lakeport	Holyoke Mass Lakeport	Mary Murphy Joseph Brooks Melina River	Ireland St Albans Vt St Johnsbury Vt	Housewife Painter Housewife	W 1	E G Gammons J P Ashland
Mar 3	Lakeport	William H Morse Sarah P Knowlton	Ashland Ashland	56 W 50 W	W Plumber Housek'r	Holderness Sanbornton	Holderness Sanbornton	Robt McMurphy Mary Dolloff Stephen N Morse Lydia L Goodwin	Perry Moultonboro Pembroke Springvale Me	Housewife Farmer Housewife Farmer	W 2	Rev Chas J Jones Ashland clergyman
May 5	Ashland	Napoleon Gingras Flora McGraw	Ashland Ashland	50 W 48 W	W Spinner Mill Oper	Canada Canada	Sanbornton Canada	Daniel A Pike Joseph Gingras Mary Noel	New Hampton Canada Canada	Housewife Farmer Housewife	W 2	Rev Chas J Jones Lakeport clergyman
May 14	Ashland	Edward P Warner Arcella Coburn	Ashland Portsmouth	77 W 66 W	W Retired Housek'r	Manchester N Hampton	Manchester N Hampton	Joseph Guyotte Helen Dupine Otis P Warner	Canada Canada Hancock	Housewife Laborer Woolen Mfrgr	W 2	P J McDonough Ashland Priest
June 16	Alton	Lawson M Glidden Pauline E Teague	Ashland Beverly Mass	22 W 18 W	W Mill Oper Hair dressr	Winchester Mass Beverly Mass	Winchester Mass Beverly Mass	Phoebe Plaisted John E Glidden Sadie E Packard Albert F Teague	New Hampton New Hampton Penacook Beverly Mass	Housewife Housewife Bookkeeper Plumber	W 3	Rev John Manter Ashland clergyman
July 16	Plymouth	Almon L Vachon Ottla L Raymond	Ashland Ashland	25 W 17 W	W Printer Operative	N Hampton Beverly Mass	N Hampton Beverly Mass	Lena S Teague Henry P Vachon Jessie M Lamond Wm H Raymond	Nova Scotia Canada Ashland Nova Scotia	Housewife Laborer Housewife Laborer	1 1	Rev W H Getchell Alton clergyman
Sept 1	Ashland	William Goss Carrie LaPoint	Plymouth Ashland	23 W 17 W	W Laborer Housek'r	Bridgewater Littleton	Bridgewater Littleton	John Goss Belle A Pearsons Wm LaPoint	Nova Scotia Amesbury Mass Orange	Housewife Housewife Housewife Housewife	1 1	P J McDonough Ashland Catholic Priest
Nov 5	Ashland	J Wilfred Dupuis Carrie A Cook	Ashland Lakeport	24 W 19 W	W Drug clerk	Pittsfield Plymouth	Pittsfield Plymouth	Grace Heath Edward Dupuis Amy Scherviel Chas Cook	Lowell Vt Peacham Vt Canada Canada	Blacksmith Housewife Laborer Housewife	1 1	Rev John Manter Ashland clergyman
Nov 24	Ashland	Archie F Haines Ada L Huckins	Ashland Ashland	29 W 35 W	W Fireman Tel oper	Boston Mass Ashland	Boston Mass Ashland	Mary Carter Geo C Haines Jennie Scribbins Alvah P Huckins	Thornton England England Ctr Harbor	Housewife Baker Housewife Farmer	1 1	P J McDonough Ashland Catholic Priest
								Ruby Plaisted	Ctr Harbor	Housewife		Rev John Manter Ashland clergyman

MARRIAGES—Continued

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Ashland, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date—1923	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	
			Years	Months	Days			Father	Mother			
Jan 5	Ashland	Carl McD Jackson	1		29	Nova Scotia	M	S	Greenville Me	Nova Scotia	Roland W Jackson	Euphonia McDonald
Jan 7	Ashland	Edwin B Evans	68		12	Ashland	M	S	Campton	Gorham	Colby Lyford	Irene Cote
Feb 1	Ashland	James R Howe	79	7	11	Plymouth	M	S	Campton	Holderness	Freeman Evans	Mary Howe
Feb 11	Ashland	Edmon Commette	79	2	24	Ashland	M	S	Ashland	Ashland	James A Howe	Glady P Darling
Feb 12	Ashland	Clara Blanchard	77			Canada	F	W	Stone Mason	Canada		Eliza Jones
Feb 14	Ashland						F	W	Housewife			
Feb 17	Ashland	Della E Bowen	63			Ashland	M	S	Woonsocket R I	No Troy Vt	Roy Marcroft	Sylvia Warner
Feb 19	Ashland	Ralph H Wilkins	1	2		Boston Mass	F	W	Housekeeper	Ireland	Ireland	Daniel Bowen
Feb 21	Ashland	Sarah D Bateman	73		19	Ashland	F	W	Kirby Vt	Franceia	Roy A Wilkins	Florence Commette
Feb 22	Ashland						F	W	Housewife	Ireland	Ireland	John Deane
Feb 25	Ashland	Fremont D Eastman	67	1	21	Ashland	M	W	Canada	Canada	Joseph Boisvert	Priscilla Abbott
Feb 27	Ashland	Edna W Burt	33	10	23	Holderness	F	W	Holderness	Holderness	Charles Eastman	Agnes Ward
Mar 3	Ashland	Francis L Harvey Jr	1	5	1	New Brunswick	M	S	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Henry Wilson	Helen Cote
Apr 24	Ashland	Cora H Lewis	57	4	10	Ashland	F	W	Portsmouth	Ctr Harbor	Francis L Harvey	Harriet Reter
May 14	Ashland	Hannah F Ellis	72	4	23	Nashua	F	W	Bristol Vt	Patten P Q	Hiram Holcomb	Betsy Kider
May 24	Ashland	Benj F Pease	77	5	18	Meredith	M	W	Cape Cod Mass	Francestown	Robert F Pease	Lorinda Piper
June 9	Ashland	Gregoire E Gignac	72	5	25	Canada	M	W	Meredith	Holderness	Augustine Gignac	Marie LaHaut
July 4	Ashland	Helen F Carter	40	10	15	Winn Me	F	W	Cana	Canada	Frede LaPoint	Helen King
July 6	Ashland	Mary S Lamond	64	1	14	Canada	F	W	Canada	Ireland	Prudence Fields	Ann Holland
Aug 10	Ashland	Elizabeth A Hodgdon	76	10	8	Holderness	F	W	Canada	Ireland	Perin Dow	Ruth B Huckins
Aug 24	Ashland	Lloyd A Gray	10	9	14	Franklin	F	W	New York	Franklin	A S Fowler	Hazel Gray
Sept 6	Ashland	Sarah A Boynton	76	3	10	Holderness	F	W	Student	New Hampton	Bridgewater	Mary Peaslee
Sept 21	Ashland	Marion F Edwards	29	9	7	Georgia Vt	F	W	Charlestown-Mass	Swanton Vt	Bert Greene	Clara Meigs
Sept 21	Ashland	Shirley M Edwards	29	9	7	Georgia Vt	F	W	Georgia Vt	Swanton Vt	Chas W Edwards	Marion F Greene
Sept 22	Ashland	Abner J Sanborn	52	9	11	Ashland	M	W	Winooski Vt	Georgia Vt	Richard F Sanborn	Helen M Hatch
Sept 25	Ashland	Elizabeth Cheney	82	1	9	Grafton	F	W	Springfield			
Oct 27	Ashland	Luella M Chick	68	17		New York	F	W	Painter	Sandwich	Lewis B Ethridge	Mary Goodwin
Oct 27	Ashland	Barnett L Hughes	2	6	21	Sandwich	F	W	Ashland	Nashua	Elmer C Hughes	Mae W White
Nov 1	Ashland	George W Rogers	49	5	18	Nashua	M	W	Holderness	Ireland	Leon S Rogers	Della A Clancy
Nov 9	Ashland	Albert L Smythe	43	3	13	Ashland	M	W	Holderness	Holderness	Lizzie Smythe	Lizzie Smythe
Nov 18	Ashland	Susan A Eastman	80	7	23	Ashland	F	W	Holderness	Holderness	Chas C Eastman	Priscilla Abbott
Dec 18	Ashland	Georgiana Peaslee	80	7	23	Holderness	F	W	Holderness	Holderness	Zenas Benton	Priscilla Flanders

LAURISTON M. GODDARD, Town Clerk.

School Report

ASHLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

For the Year Ending June 30, 1923

From State

Equalization, State Aid	\$1,033.64
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From Selectmen

5 per cent tax on inventory	\$1,085.36
Salaries district officers	110.00
Per capita tax	42.00
Administration	10.00
High school tuition	165.00
Supt. excess salary	100.00

\$1,512.36

From Sources Other than Taxation

Elementary school tuition	358.00
Dox tax	29.80
Cash on hand July 1, 1922	268.64

\$656.44

\$3,202.44

Expenditures

Payments per Orders of School Board

Administration and supervision	\$217.22
Instruction, teachers salary	800.00
Text books and supplies	45.81
Flags and appurtenances	8.00
Other expenses	2.00
Janitor services	18.00
Fuel	35.50
Janitor supplies	4.56
Minor repairs	12.40
Medical inspection	4.50
Transportation	510.93

Elementary school tuition	328.00
High school tuition	192.50
Per capita tax	42.50

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	\$2,221.42
Cash on hand June 30, 1922	981.02
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	\$3,202.44

HARRIS W. CALLEY, Treasurer.

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This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of Harris W. Calley, Treasurer of the Ashland Town School District, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MADGE PEASE, Auditor.

Detailed statement of Expenditures

Administration

Salaries of District Officers

Nellie J. Calley, school board	\$40.00
Erville J. Batchelder, school board	20.00
O. H. Amsden, school board	20.00
Harris W. Calley, treasurer	25.00
Mrs. O. H. Amsden, clerk	2.50
Madge Pease, auditor	2.50
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	\$110.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary

E. B. Wallace	\$100.00
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Expense of Administration

John Ernest	\$3.00
Harris Calley	1.10
C. M. Harris	3.12
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	\$7.22

Instruction

Teacher's salary, Elva Walbridge	\$800.00
Text books,	
Silver Burdett & Co.	1.93
D. C. Heath & Co.	7.81
American Book Co.	2.74
MacMillan Book Co.	.96
Ginn & Co.	18.99
Hinds Haden & Eldridge	1.38
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	\$33.81

Scholars' Supplies

O. A. Brown, treasurer	\$12.00
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Flag and Appurtenances

O. H. Amsden	\$8.00
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Other Expense of Instruction

O. A. Brown	2.00
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Operation and Maintenance of School Plant**Janitor Service**

Howard Amsden	\$18.00
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Fuel

O. H. Amsden	\$35.50
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Janitor's supplies

Masury Young Co.	\$1.06
O. H. Amsden	1.40
O. A. Brown	2.10
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	\$4.56

Minor Repairs

Mrs. O. H. Amsden	\$3.40
O. H. Amsden	4.75
Mrs. O. H. Amsden	4.25
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	\$12.40

Medical Inspection

Dr. L. M. Orton	\$4.50
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Transportation

John Ernest	\$426.25
Clarence Huckins	60.55
Verne Avery	16.00
Mary J. Chase	8.13

\$510.93

High School Tuition

Ashland Special District	\$110.00
Plymouth School District	82.50

\$192.50

Elementary Tuition

Ashland special District	\$214.00
R. P. Curry, treasurer	78.00
Plymouth Normal	36.00

328.00

Debt Service

Per capita tax	
John W. Plummer, treasurer	\$42.00

\$2,221.42

Cash on hand June 30, 1923	981.02
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\$3,202.44

ERVILLE J. BATCHELDER,
NELLIE J. CALLEY,
O. H. AMSDEN,

School Board.

To the School Board of Ashland Town School District:
I beg leave to submit the following report:

Enrollment, 1923-1924

Union School, Helen C. Draper, teacher; Resident pupils, 4; tuition pupils, 6. Total, 10.

Resident pupils in other schools.

Elementary: Ashland, 10; Plymouth, 4; Holderness, 2. Total, 16.

High School: Ashland, 2, Plymouth, 1. Total, 3.

Enrollment, 1922-1923

Union School, Elva R. Walbridge, teacher; Resident pupils, 4; tuition pupils, 8. Total, 12.

No. of pupils at end of year, 11; No. promoted, 11;

Per cent attendance, 93.2; Visits of superintendent, 21; Visits of citizens, 58.

Honor Pupils (not absent or tardy)

Harriet Amsden, Howard Amsden, Roger Amsden, Roland Amsden, Raymond Avery, Richard Avery.

Resident pupils registered in schools

Elementary,

Union School	4
Ashland	8
Plymouth	1
Holderness	5
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High School

Ashland	2
Plymouth	2
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Total registration resident pupils 22

I want to thank you for your splendid cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. HARRIS,

Superintendent.

ASHLAND SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer of the School Board for the Year Ending June 30, 1923

Receipts

Balance

Cash on hand July 1, 1922	\$1,102.13
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From the State

Equalization fund	\$1,664.03
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From the Selectmen, by Taxation

\$5 on \$1,000 equalized valuation	\$7,947.97
For support of high school	6,000.00
Administration	500.00
Medical Inspection, high school	35.00
Repairs and improvements	500.00
Insurance	126.00
Per capita tax	494.00
Debt	1,000.00
Interest	200.00

From Sources Other Than Taxation

Dog licenses	100.00
High school tuitions	848.00
Elementary school tuitions	406.00
Ashland Sav. Bank, rebate on supplies	22.00
Supplies sold	101.77

\$21,046.90

Expenditures

Note, paid at maturity	\$1,000.00
Interest paid on notes	200.00
Supplies bought and re-sold	123.77
Expenses of schools, 1922-23	18,334.73
Balance, cash on hand June 30, 1923	1,388.40

\$21,046.90

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Administration

E. B. Wallace, Union Treasurer, Superintendent's salary	\$400.00
R. E. Lane, census cards	4.28
Mrs. John Brock, taking census	10.00
John Brock, truant officer	12.25
White Mt. Tel. & Tel. Co.	39.75
Edson C. Eastman, record book	8.08
J. W. Frost, postage	2.40
C. M. Harris, expenses	59.04
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	\$535.80

Teachers' Salaries

James W. Frost	\$2,100.00
Clara M. Smith	1,175.00
Mary Cyr	1,200.00
Winnifred Watts	1,200.00
Agnes E. Hilliard	1,100.00
Jeanette Marshall	405.00
Winifred Spiller	568.75
Marguerite Dexter	879.17
Laura Phillips	900.00
Cora H. Berry	900.00
Blanche G. Rogers	900.00
Lura Hall	931.84
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	\$12,259.76

Text Books

American Cooking Magazine	\$1.50
Literary Digest	22.32
Whitcomb & Barrows	4.91
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	6.16
World Book Co.	30.29
Educational Pub. Co.	22.29
American Book Co.	21.30
Gregg Pub. Co.	23.09
Ginn & Co.	139.75
W. B. Ranny Co.	17.50
Little Brown Co.	19.32
J. C. Winston Co.	.32

Allyn & Bacon	.79
E. E. Babb & Co.	76.60
H. H. Metcalf	7.00
MacMillan Co.	30.27
Scott Foresman Co.	4.79
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	10.10
Silver Burdett Co.	27.52
Milton Bradley Co.	4.73
Chas. Scribners' Sons Co.	7.06
D. C. Heath Co.	74.70

\$552.31

Scholars' Supplies

E. M. Roby, cartage and freight	\$16.55
O. A. Brown	29.83
Palmer, Parker Co.	124.60
World Book Co.	27.44
Milton Bradley Co.	241.56
American Book Co.	34.85
E. E. Babb & Co.	19.08
R. M. Whitcomb	13.70
J. L. Hammett Co.	59.90
W. B. Brown	31.48
Winnifred Watts	9.54
Cambridge Bot. Supply Co.	24.89
Ross Sanborn	9.84

\$643.26

Flags

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$16.32
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Other Expenses of Instruction

Ginn & Co.	\$11.77
Sheridan Supply Co.	9.00
Durgen, Reeves Co.	6.60
C. F. Williams & Son	1.26
A. R. Tarr	1.40
Russell Sage Foundation	2.50
Teachers College, tests	37.61
World Book Co.	13.33
John Ernest	4.00

Howard & Brown, diplomas	11.51
Evelyn Malouf	1.13
Alfred Puccetti	2.00
W. B. Brown	2.70
Record Print	16.65
Robert A. Foss, orchestra	33.00

\$154.46

Janitor

John Brock	\$1,000.00
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Fuel

Ed Nassen, labor on wood	\$3.00
Joseph Gamache	24.00
H. L. Gault, sawing	21.85
Horace Cross, hauling	10.00
O. A. Brown, oil	7.00
John Brock, labor	10.00
Benj. Deane, coal	1,283.63
E. W. Sanborn, coal	196.26

\$1,555.74

Janitor Supplies

O. A. Brown, toweling, etc.	\$60.31
Electric Light Commission	160.66

\$220.97

Minor Repairs

John Brock, labor	\$83.50
Geo. P. Swayne	6.50
Carey Furniture Co.	36.37
Thos. C. Shepard	47.10
O. A. Brown	34.74
E. M. Roby, cartage	3.83
Burt Way	4.00
L. G. Fifield	23.71
F. G. Estes	12.93

Milton Shepard	10.71
Winnifred Watts, bills paid	13.37
E. W. Sanborn	102.83
Horace Cross	10.00
A. F. Burt Co.	2.00

\$391.59

Medical Inspection

R. M. Whitcomb	\$1.00
Dr. L. M. Orton	144.00
District Nursing Association	65.00

\$210.00

Other Special Activities

J. E. Reed & Son, fencing	\$17.26
A. R. Tarr, banking material, rebated by Ashland Savings Bank	22.00
Draper-Maynard Co., baseball suits	68.88

\$108.14

Per Capita Tax

John W. Plummer, state treasurer	\$506.00
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Insurance

Hill and Hardy	\$122.50
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Alterations

A. F. Burt Co.	40.68
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New Equipment

Carey Furniture Co., scales, chairs	\$72.49
F. G. Estes, shower bath	47.98
O. A. Brown	12.00
E. W. Sanborn	8.50

\$140.97

Debt Service

Minnie L. Smith, note	\$1,000.00
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Interest

H. J. Merrill	24.00
Lucy A. Merrill	20.00
M. C. Blake	36.00
Minnie L. Smith	120.00
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	\$200.00

Total expenditures	\$19,658.50
Balance, cash on hand, June 30, 1923	1,388.40
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	\$21,046.90

Summary

Administration	\$535.80
Teachers' Salaries	12,259.76
Text books	552.31
Scholars' Supplies	643.26
Flags	16.32
Other expenses of instruction	154.46
Janitor service	1,000.00
Fuel	1,555.74
Light and janitor supplies	220.97
Minor repairs	391.59
Medical inspection	210.00
Other special activities	108.14
Insurance	122.50
Alterations	40.68
New Equipment	140.97
Debt	1,000.00
Interest	200.00
Per capita tax	506.00
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	\$19,658.50

Respectfully submitted,
O. A. Brown, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of O. A. Brown, treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. G. GAMMONS,
D. W. CAREY,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board of Ashland Special School District:

I take pleasure in submitting my sixth annual report as Superintendent of the Schools in Ashland.

Schools opened on Monday, September 10, with the following enrollment and teachers in charge:

Grade		Pupils
I	Edythe Smith Paddleford	35
II	Blanche G. Rogers	29
III	Cora H. Berry	32
IV	Laura D. Phillips	33
V	Marguerite Dexter	28
VI	Winnifred E. Spiller	32

High School, H. C. Maxim, Headmaster, Mathematics

Clara M. Smith, English and Latin

Winifred M. Watts, Domestic Arts

Alice K. Simons, Junior High Subjects

Helen C. Sherry, French and History

John M. Cotton, Science and Athletics

Margaret Williams, Music

Enrollment: VII, 27; VIII, 20; IX, 25; X, 17; XI, 13; XII, 6.

Total enrollment: Elementary, 189; Junior High, 47; Senior High, 61. Total, 297.

Tuition pupils: Elementary, 15; Senior High, 14. Total, 29.

Program of Studies

The only important change in the program of studies for this year is the substitution of commercial geography and arithmetic for French in the junior high school curriculum. The change was made necessary by the difficulty and expense involved in providing special classes in French for the few tuition pupils who entered grade IX from the rural districts without the preparatory work in this subject as given in our local junior high grades.

Thrift

Thrift continues to be taught effectively in our schools through the banking system. The Ashland Savings Bank furnishes the necessary banking cards and material.

Deposits, School year, 1922-1923 \$942.43

Deposits, September 1923 to January 1924 328.53

Total deposits, March 1922 to Jan. 1924 1,780.08

A double checking system is used which prevents errors remaining undetected.

Music

It was possible to secure a regular supervisor of music this year, and already pleasing results are being shown in all the grades. While this arrangement is always desirable, it is not always possible, but we shall hope to continue the present plan, or a similar one, in the future. The solution of the music problem in our schools seemingly will be found only in several towns cooperatively engaging a supervisor of music.

Promotions

Realizing that a few children in our schools can readily cover the required work in less than the regular twelve years, several promotions have been made during this school year of those pupils who seemed most ready for advancement. Promotion at a suitable time will assure to such a pupil no loss in subject matter and an immense gain from being associated with a group of pupils more nearly his equal in capacity.

Parent-Teacher Association

The Parent-Teacher Association continues its worth-while activities. The meetings this year have been well attended, and the programmes varied and interesting. A reception was given to the teachers in September; Dr. Bell, of Plymouth, spoke at the "Health" meeting in November; the October meeting was given over to athletics and playground activities; Deputy Commissioner, J. N. Pringle, spoke at the De-

ember meeting; a musicale, under the direction of Miss Edith Platt, was held in January; and in February the teaching staff entertained the association with a pleasing programme.

Plans are maturing for health activities the coming summer; clinics for bad teeth and diseased tonsils; a playground supervisor for the months when school is not in session. The noon lunches and milk provided at the school for under-weight children is backed by the association, and is one of the most important phases of its activities.

Athletics

Provision was made this year through a special appropriation of \$300.00 for athletics to be placed completely under the charge of the school authorities, by the official appointment of an athletic coach and physical director. Results have proven the merits of the change. Physical development exercises are a regular part of the school programme; opportunity is provided for all boys in grades VII to XII to practice basket ball under supervision; three class teams have been formed, and the high school team is given efficient coaching at regularly assigned periods. We trust the present appropriation will be continued.

High School Graduates, June 1923

Clifton Abear

Antoinette Bilodeau

Addie Bilodeau

Priscilla Colby

Bernadette Gamache

Marion Gamache

Lorraine Hilliard

Robert Ladd

Evelyn Malouf

Eva Minnon

Claude Smith

Ernest Taylor

STATISTICAL TABLE, SCHOOL YEAR 1922-23

Grade	Enrollment	Boys	Girls	Enrollment at end of year	Promoted	Not Promoted	Ave. age	per cent Attendance	Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits of Citizens	Tuition Pupils
I	41	23	18	30	25	5	6-8	90.7	55	71	28	2
II	35	20	15	29	25	4	8-1	95	17	53	21	1
III	37	19	18	33	28	5	9-	95.5	3	43	21	3
IV	32	14	18	26	22	4	10-	95.7	31	48	20	1
V	31	15	16	30	30	0	11-	95.6	41	41	15	2
VI	28	16	12	26	24	2	12-	97.8	9	37	11	2
VII	28	17	11	23	20	3	13-	96.1	25	46	9	3
VIII	24	11	13	23	22	1	14	97.2	33	37	15	0
IX	21	7	14	17	17	0	14-					
X	14	4	10	13	13	0	15	94.8	85	106	22	16
XI	6	4	2	6	6	0	16					
XII	12	4	8	12	12	0	17					
Totals	309	154	155	268	244	24			299	484	162	30

I wish to thank the members of the School Committee for their cordial cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. HARRIS,

Superintendent of Schools.

To the Citizens of the Ashland Special School District:

The foregoing report of the Superintendent is hereby approved, and as required by law, we, herewith, enumerate amounts required for payment on outstanding notes and interest for the coming school year:

For payment of district note	\$1,000.00
For payment of interest	120.00

\$1,120.00

Amounts of notes outstanding, July 1, 1924 \$3,000.00

From the above it will be seen that in March, 1926, the last money will be raised and appropriated for the present debt on the high school building.

Considerable work will need to be done on the roof of the high school building as soon as the weather permits in the spring. The late fall rains revealed several bad leaks around the ventilating shafts and the walls. A thorough examination of the roof showed that these leaks were due to the flashings rather than to the roofing. The coping was found badly out of line due to the water seeping in between the bricks and freezing. An expert roofer was brought here to examine the defects and to give competent advice. It is the opinion of the school committee that the coping and chimneys should be taken down to the roof and rebuilt; and that copper flashings should be used throughout. This will ensure permanency, and prevent destruction of the main walls of the building by further seepage and freezing. A special appropriation of \$1,000.00 is asked for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD P. COLBY,
FREDERICK M. MERROW,
ORA A. BROWN,
P. J. McDONOUGH,
JOHN MANTER,
ARTHUR H. SMITH,
Board of Education.

